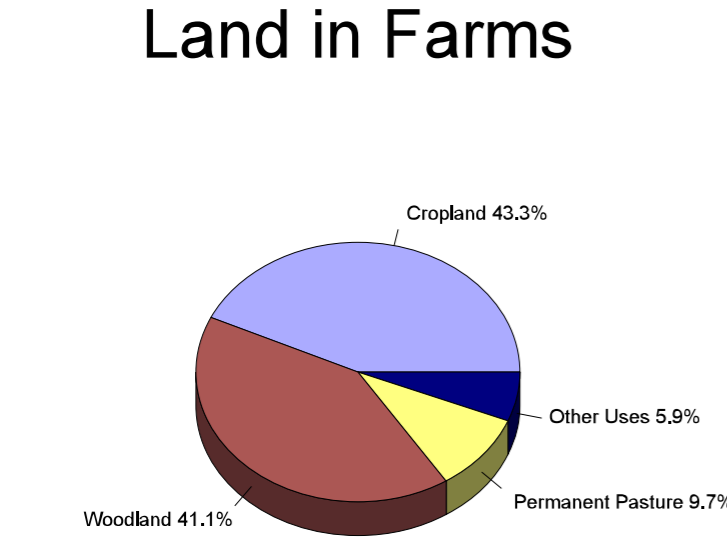
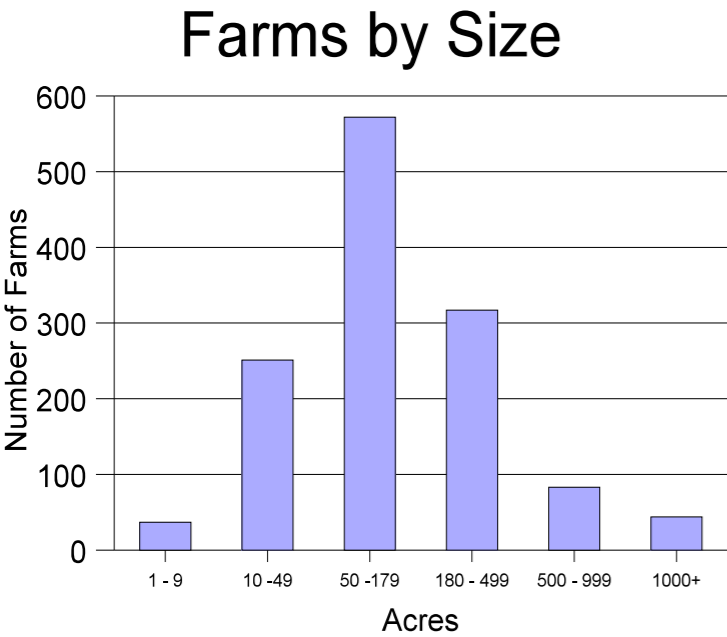


FARMS



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	748
Other	556
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,204
Female	100
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	1,703
Black or African American	99
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	5
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	32
<small>Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.</small>	

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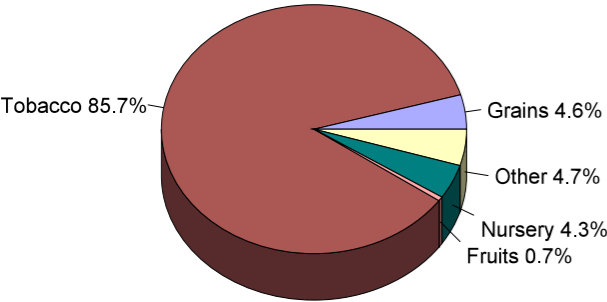
Pittsylvania County is located in the southern Piedmont Plateau and borders North Carolina. Formed in 1767 from part of Halifax, the county was named in honor of William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham, who worked for the repeal of the Stamp Act in 1766. Pittsylvania is the largest county in Virginia.

The topography of the county ranges from gently rolling to quite hilly. Elevations range from 400 to 800 feet above sea level, although there are several mountains in the area that exceed 1,000 feet, and Smith Mountain in the northwest boasts an elevation of 2,043 feet. The frost-free growing season averages 196 days, usually extending between April 13 and October 26. The average annual precipitation is nearly 43 inches, a total that is slightly higher than the state average.

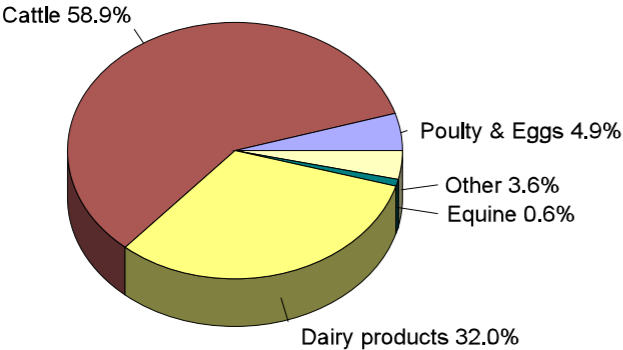
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	1,304	1,443
Land in Farms (acres)	288,647	285,003
Average size of farm	221	198
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$54,593,000	\$58,844,000
Average per farm	\$41,866	\$40,779
Government Payments	\$1,281,000	\$598,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,413	32	95	1,680	2,871
Tobacco	26,312	1	43	8	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	162	37	95	1,464	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	216	31	93	864	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,323	31	95	973	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	112	15	76	403	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,157	16	97	1,104	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,180	25	94	927	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,055	10	97	747	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	7,654	7	83	470	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	28	39	93	1,665	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	148	40	94	1,403	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	13	33	87	1,705	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	24	79	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	43,387	8	97	695	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	13	96	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	3,686	15	87	960	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,082	21	97	1,176	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,906	6	97	406	3,059
Tobacco	6,203	1	43	7	563
All Wheat for grain	6,178	10	87	831	2,517
Corn for silage	3,933	7	87	457	2,307
Soybeans	3,068	37	79	1,296	2,076

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	6,932	557,492	31	132,661	63,787	54,399	NA	NA	NA
1945	6,939	539,540	43	132,117	38,745	23,928	51,717	NA	268,790
1950	6,181	561,545	63	118,154	62,308	40,693	34,241	NA	280,331
1954	5,715	486,022	103	108,627	46,251	33,461	28,868	NA	243,501
1959	4,566	491,215	119	98,794	55,408	25,047	33,537	NA	252,988
1964	4,029	465,005	150	77,338	54,889	22,023	26,968	25,728	173,194
1969	3,156	424,345	196	62,283	51,008	44,804	22,103	42,773	107,468
1974 4/	2,333	345,851	378	65,100	24,115	46,589	22,910	33,465	96,183
1978	2,126	330,285	641	64,848	28,741	37,097	17,107	39,492	116,875
1982	2,024	330,402	781	73,513	25,017	37,909	15,176	32,497	124,663
1987	1,583	300,699	757	59,151	34,693	37,880	22,829	30,413	96,878
1992	1,389	297,064	986	59,095	25,314	47,029	18,088	33,418	99,356
1997 2/	1,443	285,003	1,297	60,598	23,979	45,510	17,594	27,805	93,466
2002	1,304	288,647	1,582	64,284	21,497	39,313	28,101	26,316	92,249